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Remarks Resolution for John Mannix



Thank you Mr. Speaker. Former Representative John Mannix was truly an extraordinary man.

- Three Consecutive Terms – a top ten legislator
- One of 50 top national state legislators

Although I did not serve along side of John, we had a very special bond over the years. Our lives took a similar path – he started his years of public service on the Board of Finance then moved to the Board of Selectmen, became a State Representative and finally served on the State Board of Education. I started on the Board of Education then moved to the Board of Selectmen, was appointed to the State Board of Education and now serve here as your colleague.

He and I would often share our experiences and concerns for Connecticut's educational system. I marveled at his drive and passion in all aspects of his life. But especially his desire to help the most disadvantaged of our children.

My colleagues, we pause today to not only honor one of our own who served with much distinction but to acknowledge the challenge he set before us.

John was not content to enjoy the great success of his family and business ventures. He was not content to enjoy the fruits of his labors. He was deeply troubled by the blight of our cities and neediest among us. He could not rest until he tried to help them with all of the energy and drive that he had. In this quest he raised more than a few eyebrows and angered many.

Let us all take time as we pause for a moment to think about the challenge that John left us. Let us strive to have the courage to say to ourselves as John Mannix was often heard to say to both republicans and democrats:

"I don't care whether I am re-elected or not, but I am going to address the problems as I see them and come up with a solution."